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Summary: Morris was chosen based on the ability to deliver a quality education at an affordable price.

(January 2, 2012)-Kiplinger's Personal Finance has announced its 2012 national ranking of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges, and the University of Minnesota, Morris is included on the list. Kiplinger's features colleges and universities that deliver a quality education at an affordable price. Morris received its top 100 ranking also in response to low average student debt, financial aid availability, and overall value. Morris and the Twin Cities campuses of the University of Minnesota were the only Minnesota institutions included on the Best Values in Public Colleges list.

"Morris is honored yet again to be cited as a best value college by Kiplinger's, the rankings are based on academic quality and affordability, two qualities for which the Morris campus values," says Bryan Herrmann, director of admissions.

Morris and the other institutions on the Best Values list were selected from a pool of more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, which were ranked according to academic quality, including admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratio, four- and six-year graduation rates, cost, and financial aid.

The student-faculty ratio at Morris is 13:1. The comprehensive cost to attend Morris in 2011-12, including tuition, fees, room, and board, is \$19,212 for both in-state and out-of-state students. About 90 percent of the student body receives financial aid.

"As states cut funding for higher education and tuition continues to climb, the word "value" becomes more significant than ever," says Jane Bennett Clark, senior editor at Kiplinger's Personal Finance. "This year's top 100 public schools deliver strong academics at reasonable prices. We applaud these institutions for tightening their belts without compromising quality."

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.